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SUBJECT:VIETNAMESE VISIT TO CIL/JCRC HAWAII

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND TASK-
ING REQUIREMENTS FOR VISIT OF VIETNAMESE MIA DELEGATION TO
CIL/JCRC IN HAWAII SCHEDULED FOR JULY 10-14 TIME PERIOD.

PRECISE DATES OF VISIT WILL BE SUBJECT OF SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATION.

2. OVERALL USG LEADERSHIP FOR VISIT WILL BE PROVIDED BY STATE DEPARTMENT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FRANK SIEVERTS AND STATE DEPARTMENT COUNTRY DIRECTOR FOR VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA FREDERICK Z. BROWN.

3. VISIT ARISES FROM USG INVITATION TO SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THEIR OFFICE IN CHARGE OF SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONNEL MISSING IN THE WAR TO OBSERVE THE USG'S CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY (CIL) AND JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) IN HAWAII. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO CONTINUE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN USG AND SRV OFFICIALS ON ACCOUNTING FOR THE MISSING AND RECOVERY OF REMAINS OF AMERICANS LOST IN INDOCHINA. SUCH DISCUSSIONS WERE CONDUCTED BY PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION HEADED BY LEONARD WOODCOCK THAT VISITED VIETNAM AND LAOS IN MARCH 1977, AND DURING USG/SRV TALKS IN PARIS IN MAY, JUNE, AND DECEMBER 1977. DURING DECEMBER MEETING VIETNAMESE ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT CIL/JCRC IN FIRST QUARTER OF 1978. DATE WAS POSTPONED BY SRV AS RESULT OF HUMPHREY-TRUONG ESPIONAGE TRIAL AND EXPULSION OF SRV AMBASSADOR TO UNITED NATIONS IN FEBRUARY 1978.

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4. STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS SEE VISIT AS OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE EXCHANGES WITH RESPONSIBLE VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS ON MIA ACCOUNTING AND THE RETURN OF REMAINS. A TECHNICAL CHANNEL FOR THIS PURPOSE WAS ESTABLISHED BY WOODCOCK COMMISSION AND IMPLEMENTED DURING MAY, JUNE, AND DECEMBER MEETINGS, AND THROUGH CONTINUING WRITTEN EXCHANGES. VISIT TO CIL/JCRC WILL BE FURTHER USE OF THIS TECHNICAL CHANNEL, WHICH HAS BEEN KEPT SEPARATE FROM POLITICAL ASPECTS OF US/SRV RELATIONS. WE INTEND VISIT TO BE WORKING LEVEL AND SUBSTANTIVE, CONCENTRATING ON EXPERT DISCUSSIONS OF COMMON PROBLEMS RELATING TO MIA INFORMATION AND THE RECOVERY OF REMAINS.

5. VISIT WILL DEAL SOLELY WITH MIA AND RECOVERY OF REMAINS; OTHER ISSUES SUCH AS NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE DISCUSSED.

6. WE UNDERSTAND JCRC AND CIL HAVE PREPARED TECHNICAL BRIEFINGS FOR PRESENTATION TO SRV REPS. WASHINGTON OFFICIALS WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS.

7. SUCCESS OF VISIT REQUIRES COOPERATION AND SUPPORT OF

CINCPAC AND OTHER US MILITARY ELEMENTS IN HAWAII ON SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AS HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE FOR THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION AND WASHINGTON OFFICIALS, SECURITY ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS FOR THE VIETNAMESE, AND OFFICIAL TRANSPORTATION, IN ADDITION TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS AT CIL AND JCRC. WE WILL WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON THESE ARRANGEMENTS. WITH REGARD TO HOUSING, WE SUGGEST THAT, IF FEASIBLE, VIETNAMESE REPS BE BILLETED IN SEPARATE HOUSE, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE COMMON MEETING PLACE FOR DELEGATION.

8. STATE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE LEAD ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS, PROTOCOL, CONGRESSIONAL AND MEDIA COORDINATION, AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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ACTIVITIES WITH SRV GROUP BEYOND JCRC AND CIL MEETINGS. STATE DEPARTMENT POINT OF CONTACT IN HAWAII WILL BE CINCPAC/POLAD MR. LEO MOSER.

9. WE EXPECT SRV DELEGATION TO BE HEADED BY MR. VU HOANG (EQUIVALENT RANK DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY). NAMES AND OTHER INFORMATION ON REST OF DELEGATION WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN RECEIVED. WE EXPECT SRV GROUP TO CONSIST OF 5-6 PERSONS.

10. REQUEST CINCPAC BE TASKED TO COORDINATE AND PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. JCRC AND CIL TOURS/BRIEFINGS, TO INCLUDE INTERPRETERS WITH ABILITY TO TRANSLATE TECHNICAL TERMINOLOGY. (TWO OR THREE INTERPRETERS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED BY STATE.)

B. OFFICIAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION FOR SRV VISITORS AND STATE/DOD PARTY.

C. ON BASE BILLETING FOR SRV VISITORS AND STATE/DOD PARTY OF 10.

D. FOOD FACILITIES AT OR NEAR BILLETS.

E. APPROPRIATE SECURITY FOR VISITORS WHILE ON MILITARY FACILITIES. (FYI: STATE OFFICE OF SECURITY WILL COORDINATE OTHER SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.)

F. OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES AS APPROPRIATE AND REQUESTED BY STATE/DOD LEADERSHIP. VANCE

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